

Annual International Training Courses

1. Course Title

Providers of Health Care of the Health Security Systems

2. Duration

Four weeks (September 2 - 27, 2014)

Closing Date for Applications: June 20, 2014

3. Background and Rationale

Improving and extending health security coverage is the greatest challenge facing health security systems in the member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and other lower- and middle-income countries. The creation and expansion of Social Health Protection requires the involvement of a critical mass of well-trained social-protection experts, who are able to implement viable and sustainable health security systems in each country.

The Master of Science (MSc) in Health Security Financing and Management at the Naresuan University, offered in partnership with the International Labour Organization, is designed to equip current and future social security experts with high level quantitative and analytical skills to meet the challenges of achieving a comprehensive health security systems in various countries.

This Master programme provides opportunity to high level executives of health care providers and purchasers of health care to attend a comprehensive learning module focusing on the significant roles of hospitals, primary care providers, health professionals in promoting health of populations. Purchasers should also thoroughly know provider behaviours to better design systems that encourage function of health care providers.

4. Objectives

- To introduce the role of providers of health care under the framework of health security systems.
- To critically analyze behavioural characteristics and changes according to payment systems under the framework of health security systems.
- To develop necessary skills for providers of health care to excel under the framework of health security systems.

5. Course Contents

5.1 Course Outline

Components of formal and informal health service systems, patterns and types of services provided, incentives, provider behaviours, cost and efficiency of provision at primary, secondary and tertiary levels of care of public, private-not-for-profit and private for-profit providers, flows of revenues from provision of health care, accreditation system, health service management to achieve health system goals in short and long runs.

5.2 Practices

Participants will have opportunity to work on datasets from a number of health care providers to understand cost and efficiency of each type of provider.

5.3 Study Trips/Field Trips

Participants will visit a range of health care providers, public and private ownership to see real good practices.

5.4 Time Schedule

Topic	Hours	
	Lecture	Practice
Introduction to the course		
Session 1 Introduction to providers in health care		
Task 1 Formal and informal providers in health care	6	
Task 2 Providers in the Southeast Asian region		
Reading assignments for session 1 (Task 1 and Task 2)		6
Presentation of Task 1 and discussion		3
Presentation of Task 2 and discussion		3
Task 3 and Task 4 Reading assignments for session 2		6
Session 2 Functional Specific (Service function)		
Task 3 The role of health care providers, types of services, and output	3	
Task 4 Health care provision	3	
Presentation of Task 3 and discussion		3
Presentation of Task 4 and discussion		3
Session 3 Hospital management		
Task 5 Health care information, standard dataset	6	
Reading/Practice assignments for session 3 (Task 5)		6
Field visit to health care providers		3
Presentation of Task 5 and discussion		3
Task 6 State of the art of provider management	6	
Reading assignments for session 3 (task 6)		6
Presentation of Task 6 and discussion		3
Presentation of Task 6 and discussion		3
Session 4 Financial management of providers		
Task 7 Cost accounting & budgeting, unit cost analysis	6	
Task 8 Price setting/strategy i.e. negotiations for capitation, casemix	6	
Reading/Practice assignments for session 4 (Task 7 and Task 8)		6
Presentation of Task 7 and discussion		3
Presentation of Task 8 and discussion		3

6. Number of Participants

Twenty (20) persons

7. Participants Criteria

- Participants for this training course should have at least two years experiences in working as health care providers or purchasers of health care in health security systems.
- Participants should have basic knowledge on health insurance systems.
- Participants should be able to communicate (speaking and writing) in English and should have basic computing skills with computer software.

8. Invited Country

Asia & Middle East: Georgia, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Philippines, Tajikistan

Oceania (Pacific Islands): Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Solomon Island, Marshall Island, Tonga
Africa: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Liberia, Mali, Mauritius, Sudan, Zambia
Latin America & others: Barbados, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Paraguay

9. Venue

Faculty of Medicine, Naresuan University, Phitsanulok 65000, Thailand

10. Expected Results

After completion of this course, the participants are able to

- provide theoretical framework of managing providers of health care in response to changes in payment mechanisms.
- use analytical skills in decision-making and evaluation of health delivery systems.

11. Evaluation

- Participants must attend higher than 95 percent of activities in the course to get a certificate of attendance.
- Participants will be assessed on performance in small group discussions, group/ individual assignments and presentations.

Fellowship Arrangements:

1. Application Procedures

- Applicants interested in participating in the course must be nominated by their government and must submit three (3) completed nomination forms to the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate in their respective countries before the closing date of application.
- In general, each country may nominate up to four (4) nominees for the course. However, nomination for certain courses may be limited to one or two nominees from each country due to limited seat available for participation.
- The Royal Thai Government will inform the nominating government (or relevant authority) whether or not nominee(s) have been accepted for the course, normally three weeks before the course starts.
- Further information about training courses held under AITC can be obtained from TICA's website: <http://www.tica.thaigov.net/main>

2. Allowances and Expenses

The Royal Thai Government will be responsible for the following allowances and expenses:

- An economy class electronic ticket (e-ticket) will be issued to each participant via email. Each of the participants is not allowed to change the flights route and schedules. Participants should not buy air tickets by themselves and should be advised that if they do so, the cost cannot be reimbursed from the Royal Thai Government. The Royal Thai Government will also arrange the domestic flight in Thailand for participants, if any.
- Each participant will receive a living allowance of 500 Baht (US\$17) per day to cover meals, local transportation and other personal daily expenses. Accommodation will be arranged by the Royal Thai Government and all participants will stay at the same place. It is suggested that each participant should bring some pocket money approximately US\$100 to cover the expenses before the allowance is paid.
- Minor medical treatment will be provided for participants who become ill during their stay in Thailand.

- The Royal Thai Government will provide transportation for the authorized field trips undertaken as part of the course.

3. Regulations

Participants are required to observe the following regulations:

- Participants must only stay at the places designated by the Royal Thai Government.
- Participants must strictly attend classes as scheduled and should not change their training subjects.
- Participants must not extend the training period.
- Participants must not bring any family members with them to Thailand.
- Participants must return to their home countries after the course completion (at the date as scheduled by the Royal Thai Government).
- Participants are required to travel only on the route designated by the Royal Thai Government and must not make any alterations. Please also be informed that the maximum allowable baggage that can be loaded on flights is 20 kilograms. Participants will be responsible for any cost incurred in exceeding this limit.
- Participants must observe rules and regulations of training institute(s).
- Participants must refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain.

4. Visa Procedures

Prior to departure from their home country to Thailand, all participants must first obtain the appropriate visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or Consular representative in their countries. Presentation of the acceptance letter is required when applying for VISA. A maximum of 2,000 Baht VISA fee (approximately US\$ 60) must be paid by a participant to the Royal Thai Embassy or Consular representative. Participants must request for the original receipt which could be later on reimbursed from the Royal Thai Government upon presenting the original receipt.

Further relevant information is available at the following addresses:

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Institution

1 Executing Agency

Faculty of Medicine, Naresuan University
Lecturers of Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Public Health, Faculty of Business, Economics and Communications are the main discussants of the course, with wider inputs from many other collaborative organizations.

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2 Collaborative Organizations

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